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Filing Date: December 5, 2005) Art Unit: TBD
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For: Method for Regenerating Etching Solution)
 Containing Iron for the Use in Etching or)
 Pikling Copper or Copper Alloys and an)
 Apparatus for Carrying Out Said Method)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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 - b) PTO Form 1449 (1 sheet);
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. Copies of the references 3-8 cited below are enclosed. These references are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

United States Patents

1. Faul et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,265,722, issued May 5, 1981.
2. Petraitis et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,880,495, issued November 14, 1989.

Foreign Patents

3. PCT Patent Application No. WO 00/26440 A2, published May 11, 2000.
4. European Patent Application No. EP 0 794 269, published June 6, 2002.

Other Documents

5. William H. Parker, (1966) "Regenerating Ferric Sulfate Etch Baths", Metal Program, 89(5):133-134.
6. "Handbuch der Leiterplattentechnik", Leuze Verlag, (1982), pp. 168-170.
7. User Manual of FA. Dr. Lange: DR 2800 Spectrophotometer, Working Procedures, (2005) Edition 1, "Alachlor" (8 pp), "Iron, Ferrous" (6 pp).
8. User Manual of Fa. Metrohm: Potentiometric Titration, The Metrohm Instrument Program, pp. 10-26.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	4,265.722	May 5, 1981	Faul et al.			
	2.	4,880,495	Nov 14, 1989	Petraitis et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	3.	WO 00/26440 A2	May 11, 2000				
	4.	EP 0 794 269	June 6, 2002				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

5.	William H. Parker, (1966) "Regenerating Ferric Sulfate Etch Baths", <i>Metal Program</i> , 89(5):133-134.
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